Mashelkar Committee Report

107. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU):
SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Petroleum Ministry has accepted the Mashelkar Committee report which recommended introduction of Euro-II vehicular emission norms across the country by April, 2005;

(b) if so, what is the total investment likely to be made in this regard;

(c) whether the Ministry has received the Cabinet approval of the Auto Fuel Policy, as suggested by the Committee;

(d) if so, what are the other recommendations made by this Committee; and

(e) by what time they are likely to be implemented fully?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) An investment of about Rs. 17,000/- crore is likely to be made by the oil industry.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The major suggestions/recommendations of the Committee are:—

(1) Vehicular emission standards need to be such that they, togetherwith other mix of measures, produce the desired effect in a cost effective manner without putting an undue burden on the common man.

(2) The recommended Auto Fuel Policy should be based on targeted vehicular emission standards for various categories of vehicles, allowing use of difference technologies and fuels, which can meet the emission standards.

(3) In the developed world and elsewhere, vehicular emission standards and auto fuel quality necessary to meet the standards alone are prescribed, giving choice to the public, manufacturers, owners and operators of motor vehicles to choose the vehicle type and the fuel. The same policy be adopted for India.

(4) The following roadmap for implementation of vehicular emission norms and auto fuel quality has been recommended:

(i) Bharat Stage-II norms which are in place in the four mega cities of Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata and Chennai should be introduced in the other three mega cities of Bangalore, Hyderabad and Ahmedabad as early as possible but not later than the end of 2003.

(ii) Bharat Stage-II norms should be introduced in the entire country from 1st April, 2005.

(iii) Euro-III equivalent emission norms for all categories of vehicles (excluding two and three wheelers), detailed by the Committee, should be introduced in seven mega cities from 1st April, 2005.

(5) CNG, LPG and other alternative fuels need to be encouraged, giving the choice of fuel and vehicle technology to the customers. Any combination of fuel and vehicle technology, which meets the prescribed emission norms should be acceptable.

(c) The implementation is an ongoing process.

Price mechanism for hydrocarbon sector after APM

108. SHRI DINA NATH MISHRA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are adopting a mechanism for cushioning the oil prices in India from any fluctuation in the international oil prices after dismantling of Administered Pricing Mechanism (APM) in hydrocarbon sector from April 1st, 2002 onwards; and